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Dear Ms. Palmer:

Our thanks to you and John Gibson for taking the time to meet on April 3, 2002 about your March 15, 2002 letter requesting additional information concerning certain contributions disclosed in the above referenced report. As explained during the meeting, each of the contributions to the Hastert for Congress Committee ("Committee") listed in your letter complied with the contribution limits and was properly reported under federal law and Federal Election Commission ("Commission") regulations.

In your letter you requested additional information concerning contributions from:

- Al & Alpha Benedetti. Al and Alpha are not the same person. Rather, they are husband and wife. Mr. Benedetti contributed \$1000 (\$500 on March 14, 2001 and another \$500 on August 15, 2001) to the primary account. Mrs. Benedetti contributed \$750 on August 15, 2001 to the primary account. Each contribution is within the contribution limits and properly reported.
- Thomas Cook & Thomas Cook. Two separate individuals (not just one) names Thomas Cook (father and son) contributed to the Committee. The first Thomas Cook is a supervisor for Wegman Construction with a mailing address of 88 Riverwood Dr., Oswego, Illinois. The other Thomas Cook is a self-employed electrical contractor with a mailing address of P.O. Box 671, Oswego, Illinois. Each contribution is within the contribution limits and properly reported.
- American Maritime Officers PAC. This PAC made two \$5000 contributions to the Committee, one for the primary (March 1, 2001) and the other for the general election

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